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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PEARSON ET AL.

Examiner

Renee S. Luebke

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 and 23-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 November 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) ☐ Other: ____

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1. Applicant's election with traverse of the claims of group 1, in Paper No. 6 filed June 3, 2003 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the grounds that MPEP 803 should apply and, apparently, that the search and examination can be done "without serious burden" to the Examiner. This is not found persuasive because the groups, drawn to an apparatus and a method of manufacture, are classified in two different arts and require different searches. This inherently causes a serious burden. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 10-22 are withdrawn. Claims 1-9 and 23-28 are examined on the merits below.

2. The corrected or substitute drawings were received on November 14, 2001. These drawings are objected to because:

a. Fig. 1 should be labeled -Prior Art- since it does not depict the present invention.

b. In Fig. 1, the circles (10 and 20) appear to be part of the structure. They should be drawn with line weights or types that distinguish them from the structure, or deleted.

c. Reference numeral 80 should be found in fig. 4 (see page 8, line 19). It appears that "68" should be changed to -80-.

d. In Fig. 5A the circle should be labeled -5B- or deleted. If it remains, it too should be drawn with line weights or types that distinguish it from the structure.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Zink, et al. This mechanism comprises a printed circuit board 145 having a first surface (showing), a second surface (below) and a first edge with female members or openings (146, 148, etc.) to receive the male members 164 from the first edge of an extension board 166. In regard to claim 3, it is noted that the male member does not extend above or below the surfaces of the printed circuit board (see Fig. 12).

5. Claims 1-9 and 23-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Korsunsky, et al. This mechanism comprises a printed circuit board 12 having a first surface 14, a second surface 16 and a first edge 18 with female members or openings 24 to receive the male members 50 from the first edge of an extension board 10. The male member does not extend above or below the surfaces of the printed circuit. The extension board further comprises a guide member 38 that extends from the first edge.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The devices of Woychik, Lindeman and the Japanese document are further examples of a circuit board with an opening at the edge into which a male member of an extension board is inserted.

7. **Any response to this action may be mailed to:**

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke whose telephone number is (703) 308-1511.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (703) 308-2319.



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